LPG (Figures in TMT)

Year	Dom.	Non-Dom.	Total
2000-01	6,301	312	6,613
2001-02	7,126	184	7,310
2002-03	7,813	364	8,177

While the prices of non-PDS Kerosene and non-Domestic LPG are fixed by the Oil Companies on commercial considerations, PDS Kerosene and Domestic LPG are subsidized products. After the dismantling of the Administered Pricing Mechanism in the petroleum sector effective 1.4.02, the subsidy on PDS Kerosene and Domestic LPG is provided on a flat rate basis. The prices of these products are to be revised by the Oil Companies after allocating for the flat rate of subsidy on thsee products. A Statement showing major revisions in the retail selling price of these products at Delhi *w.e.f.* 1.4.2000 is given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

Major Revisions in Retail Selling Price (RPS) at Delhi

	Domstic LPG (Rs./ cylinder)	PDS Kerosene (Rs./ litre)
As on 1.4.2000	196.55	5.55
As on 30.9.2000	232.25	8.35
As on 22.11.2000	222.25	7.35
As on 1.3.2002	259.95	8.98
As on 17.3.2002	240.45	
As on 1.11.2002	241.20*	

*Due to revision in Distributors' commission.

LNG from Qatar

1741. MISS MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and Iran have agreed on 25-year gas investment deal, if so, the details of the project;

(b) whether India has similar agreement with Qatar; and

(c) if so, the expected time by when LNG from Qatar will reach our country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) An MoU has been signed in January, 2003 between the MInistry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India and Ministry of Petroleum, Government of Islamic Republic of Iran for cooperation in Hydrocarbon Sector including import of LNG from Iran to India, assistance in refinery revamp, development of CNG in Iran etc. Oil companies from both the countries have to workout necessary details in this regard. No investment deal for 25 years has been signed.

(b) Petronet LNG Limited (PLL) a Joint Venture Company promoted by four Public Sector Oil Companies *viz.* GAIL (India) Limited (GAIL), Oil and Natural Gas Corporaton Limited (ONGCL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) has singed a 25 years agreement with Ras Gas, Qatar for supply of 7.5 Million Metric Tonnes Per Annum (MMTPA) LNG for its LNG terminals at Dahej and Cochin.

(c) The first cargo of LNG is expected to reach Dahej LNG terminal in December, 2003.

Incentives to LNG plants

1742. MISS MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to give special fiscal and other incentives to LNG plants, if so, the details thereof;

(b) in what manner this would help in raising its production; and

(c) how much it will benefit the consumers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In order to bridge large gap between demand and supply of natural gas, Government is considering extension of various fiscal concessions such as uniform sales tax structure, reduction in customs duty, declaring LNG projects as infrastructure projects etc., for LNG projects.